



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
**ENERGY**

# ***Energy Parks Initiative***

**Leveraging Assets to increase the Taxpayer's Return  
on Investment"**

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# *Energy, Environment & the Economy*

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"So we have a choice to make. We can remain one of the world's leading importers of foreign oil, or we can make the investments that would allow us to become the world's leading exporter of renewable energy. We can let climate change continue to go unchecked, or we can help stop it. We can let the jobs of tomorrow be created abroad, or we can create those jobs right here in America and lay the foundation for lasting prosperity."

- President Obama, March 19, 2009



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# *Energy, Environment & the Economy*

- Investing in the Clean Energy Jobs of the Future
  - Creating new Jobs in the Clean Energy Economy
  - Investing in the Next Generation of Energy Technologies
- Securing our Energy Future
  - Breaking Dependence on Oil
  - Producing More Energy at Home
  - Promoting Energy Efficiency
- Closing the Carbon Loophole and Cracking Down on Polluters
  - Closing the Carbon Loophole
  - Protecting American Consumers
  - Promoting U.S. Competitiveness
- American Recovery & Reinvestment Act
  - More than \$60 billion in clean energy investments to jump-start our economy and build the clean energy jobs of tomorrow.



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# EM M

***“Complete the safe cleanup of the environmental legacy brought about from five decades of nuclear weapons development, production, and Government-sponsored nuclear energy research.”***



- Largest environmental cleanup effort in the world, originally involving two million acres at 108 sites in 35 states
- Safely performing work
  - In challenging environments
  - Involving some of the most dangerous materials known to man
  - Solving highly complex technical problems with first-of-a-kind technologies
- Operating in the world's most complex regulatory environment
- Supporting other continuing DOE missions and stakeholder partnerships



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# Program Priorities

- Essential activities to maintain a safe and secure posture in the EM complex
- Radioactive tank waste stabilization, treatment, and disposal
- Spent nuclear fuel storage, receipt, and disposition
- Special nuclear material consolidation, processing, and disposition
- High priority groundwater remediation
- Transuranic and mixed/low-level waste disposition
- Soil and groundwater remediation
- Excess facilities deactivation and decommissioning (D&D)



# Top-Level Goals

## Footprint Reduction

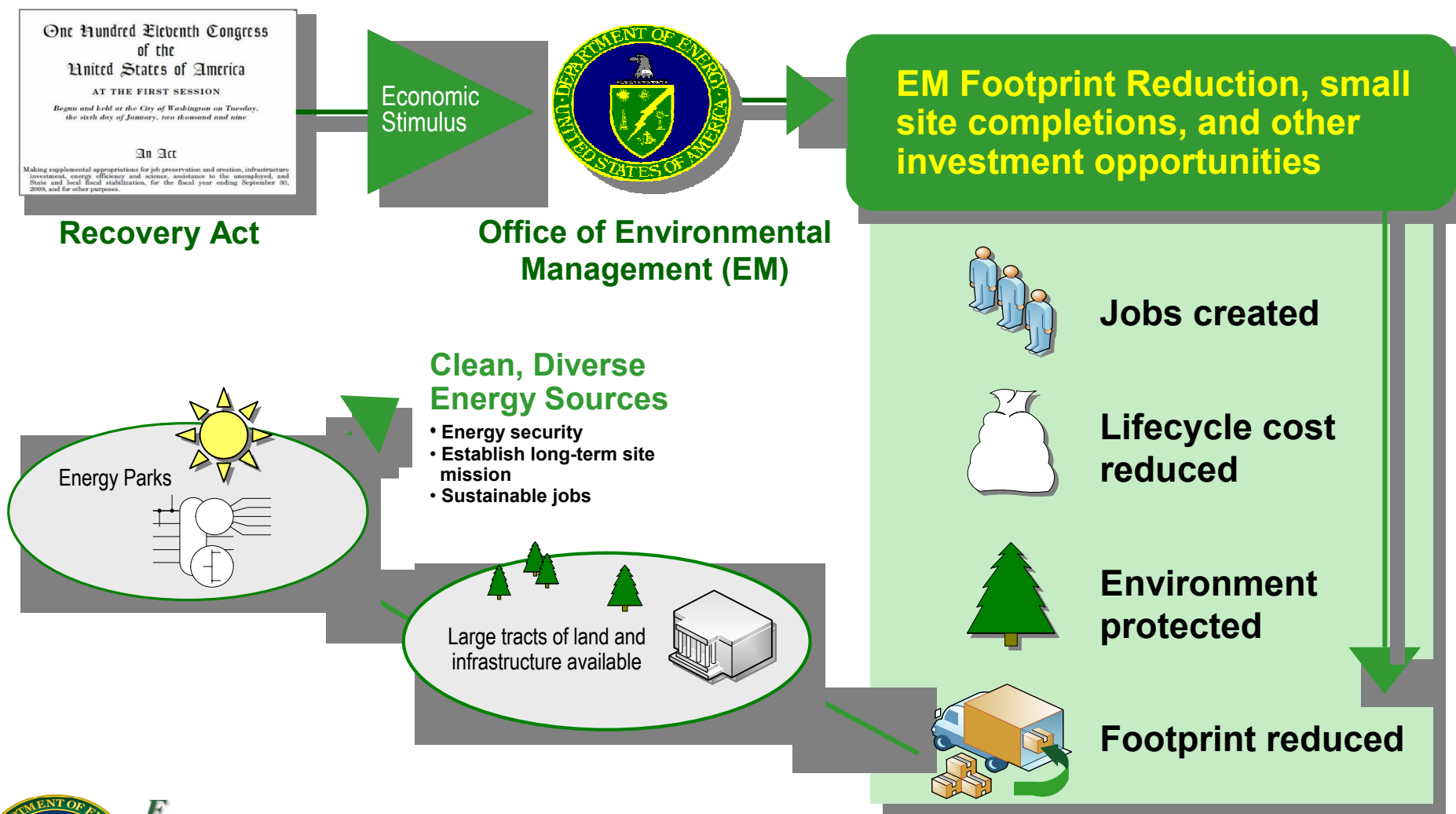
- Reduce the active area and number of sites.
- Provide maximum return on money invested in EM – reduces overall life-cycle cost of cleanup program.
- Focus on proven successes – solid waste disposal, D&D of contaminated facilities, and soil and groundwater remediation.
- Create thousands of jobs through economic recovery investment.

## Reutilization of Assets/Energy Parks

- Transform EM resources (e.g., land, infrastructure, technologies, and highly-skilled workforce) into an Energy Parks Initiative (EPI) to address critical national energy, climate change, and economic challenges.



# Footprint Reduction



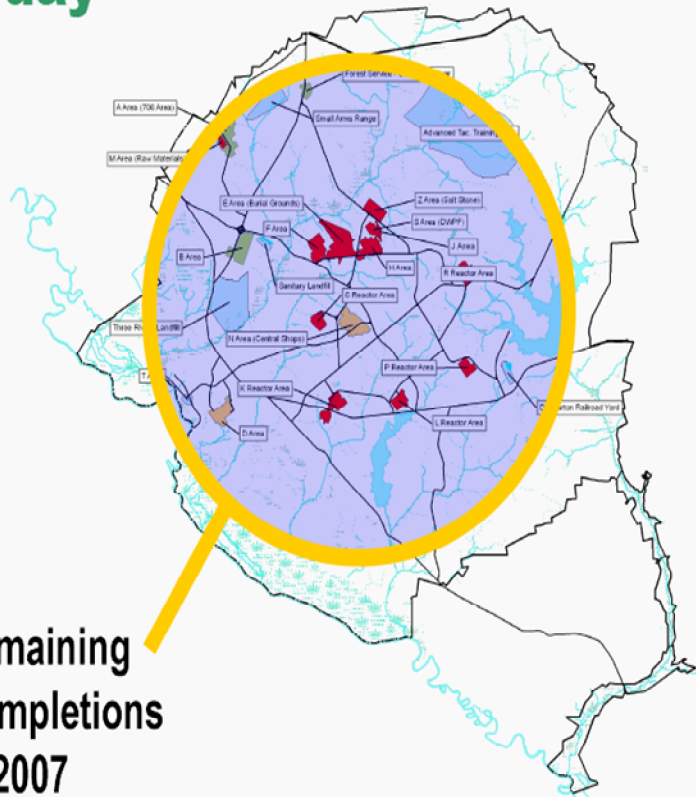
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# ***Savannah River Site Footprint Reduction Proposal***

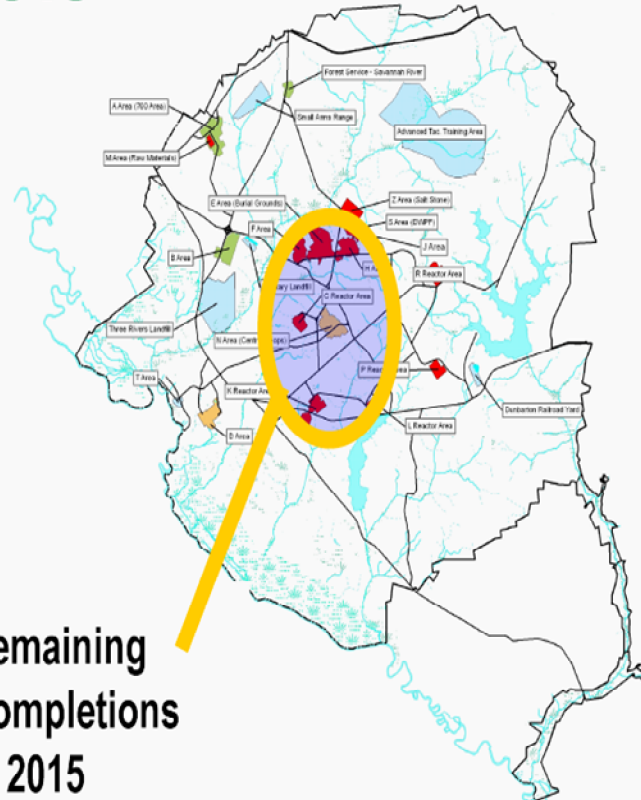
## Today



## Remaining Completions in 2007

**263 square miles**

## 2015



## Remaining Completions in 2015

**31 square miles**



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## ***Energy Parks Initiative: Technologies***

**Options include conventional & advanced energy technologies, such as:**

- ✓ **Renewable energy: solar, wind, biomass, geothermal**
- ✓ **Fossil fuels: clean coal, gas turbines**
- ✓ **Electricity generation, transmission, distribution**
- ✓ **Hydrogen generation**
- ✓ **Emission controls, carbon sequestration**
- ✓ **Specialty manufacturing**
- ✓ **Nuclear: power, fuel cycle, waste management**



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## ***Energy Parks Initiative: A bold and innovative concept***

- . . . to leverage assets and create opportunity to enable rapid development of energy-related facilities.**
- . . . particularly those with significant potential of sustained progress towards energy independence, regional economy, national security, environmental sustainability, and other national concerns.**



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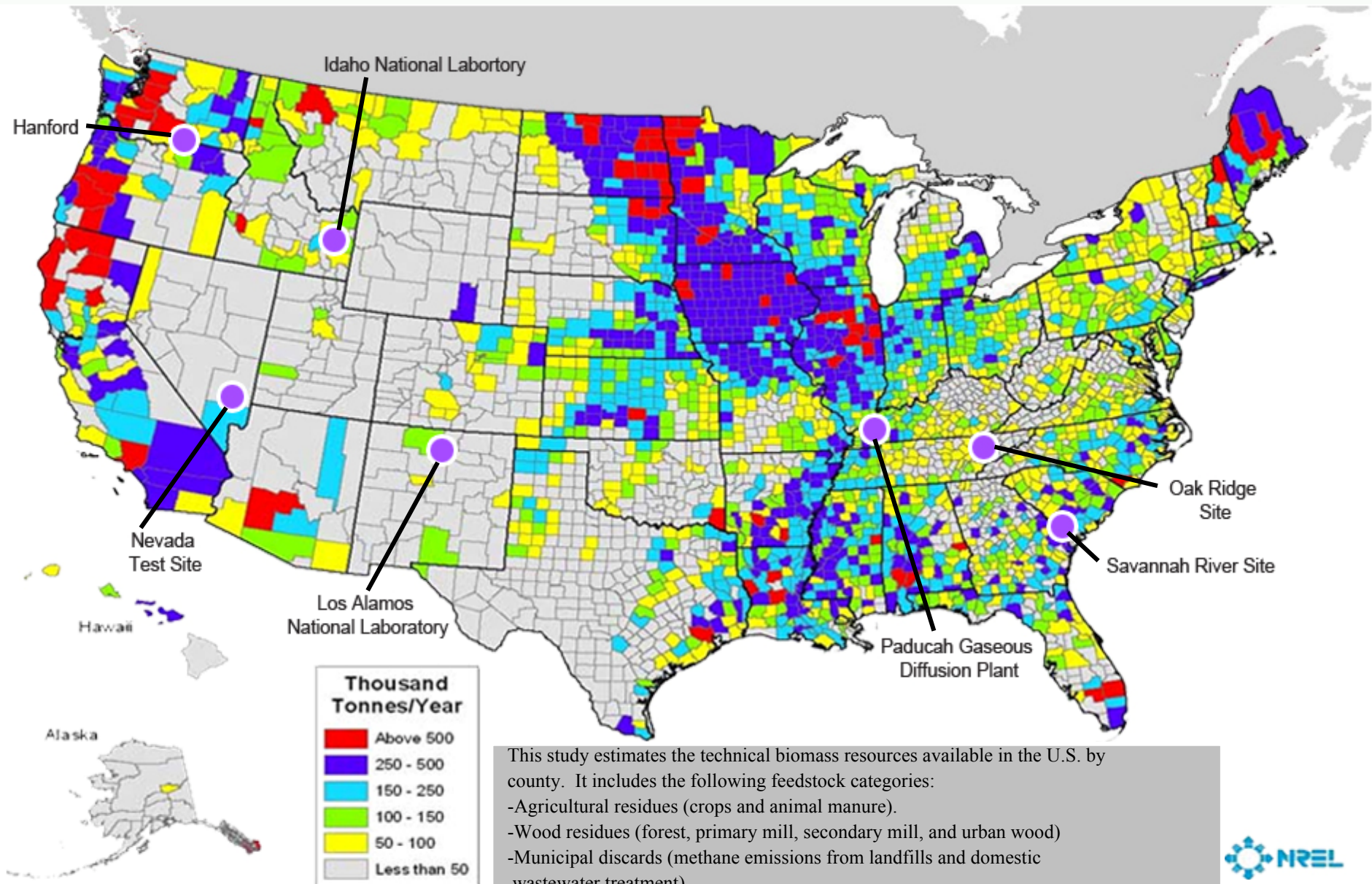
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# *Energy Parks Initiative: Kind of Assets*

- ✓ **Infrastructure** (roads, buildings, equipment, utilities, barge & rail access, transmission systems, and specialty features and capability)
- ✓ **Natural Resources** (land, water, and renewable energy)
- ✓ **Institutional Controls** (physical control, water rights, NPDES and other permits, buffer area, environmental & seismic characterization, and security)
- ✓ **Human and Economic Capital** (knowledge of regulatory environment, highly trained workforce, transition to succeeding missions, and return of valuable assets to the local tax base)
- ✓ **Diversity, Size, and Remoteness** (allows consideration of many uses, and protection of critical infrastructure)
- ✓ **Applied Tools** (technology, loan guarantees, purchasing power)



# Biomass Resources



This study estimates the technical biomass resources available in the U.S. by county. It includes the following feedstock categories:

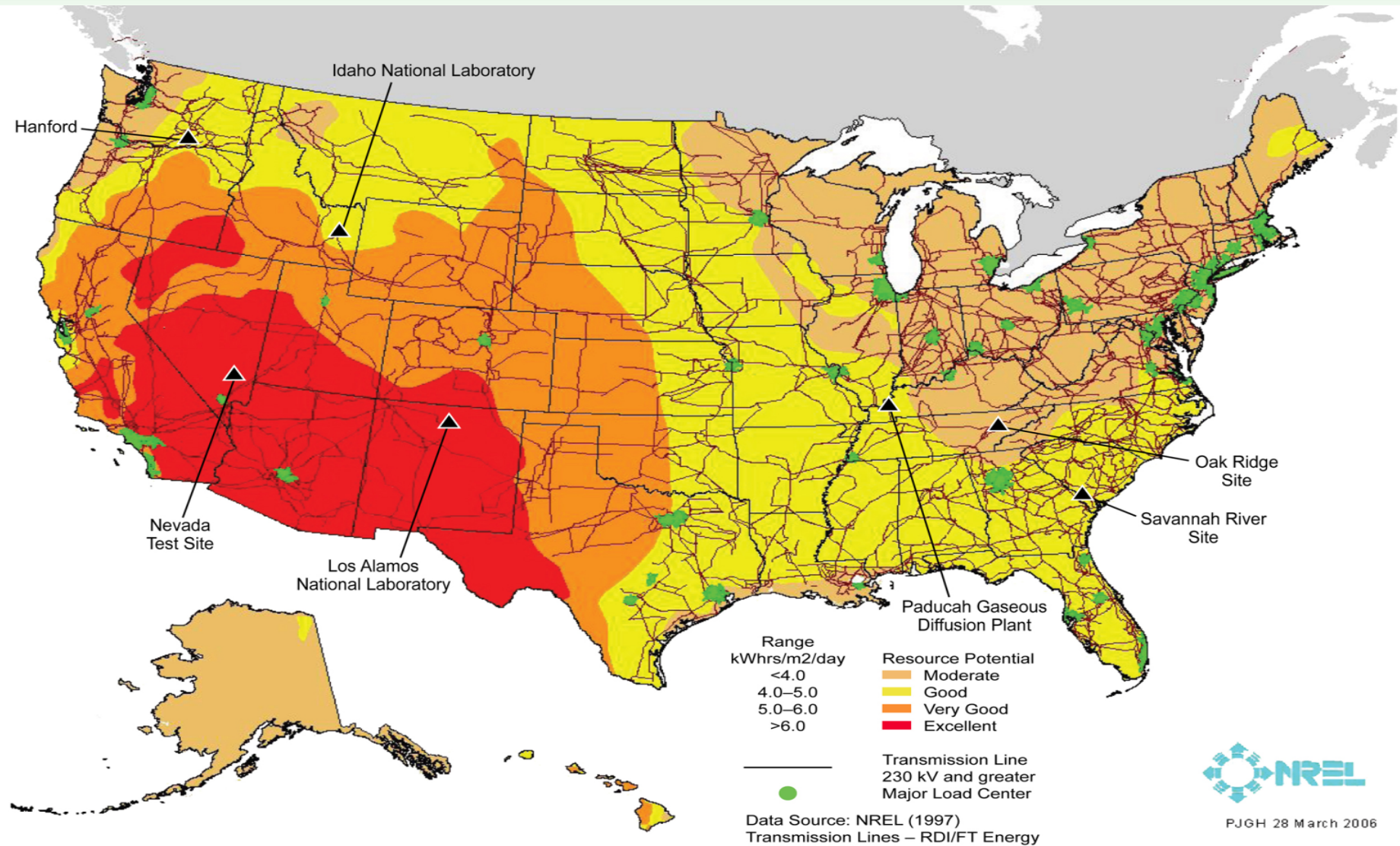
- Agricultural residues (crops and animal manure).
- Wood residues (forest, primary mill, secondary mill, and urban wood)
- Municipal discards (methane emissions from landfills and domestic wastewater treatment).
- Dedicated energy crops (on Conservation Reserve Program and Abandoned Mine Lands).



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# Solar Resources

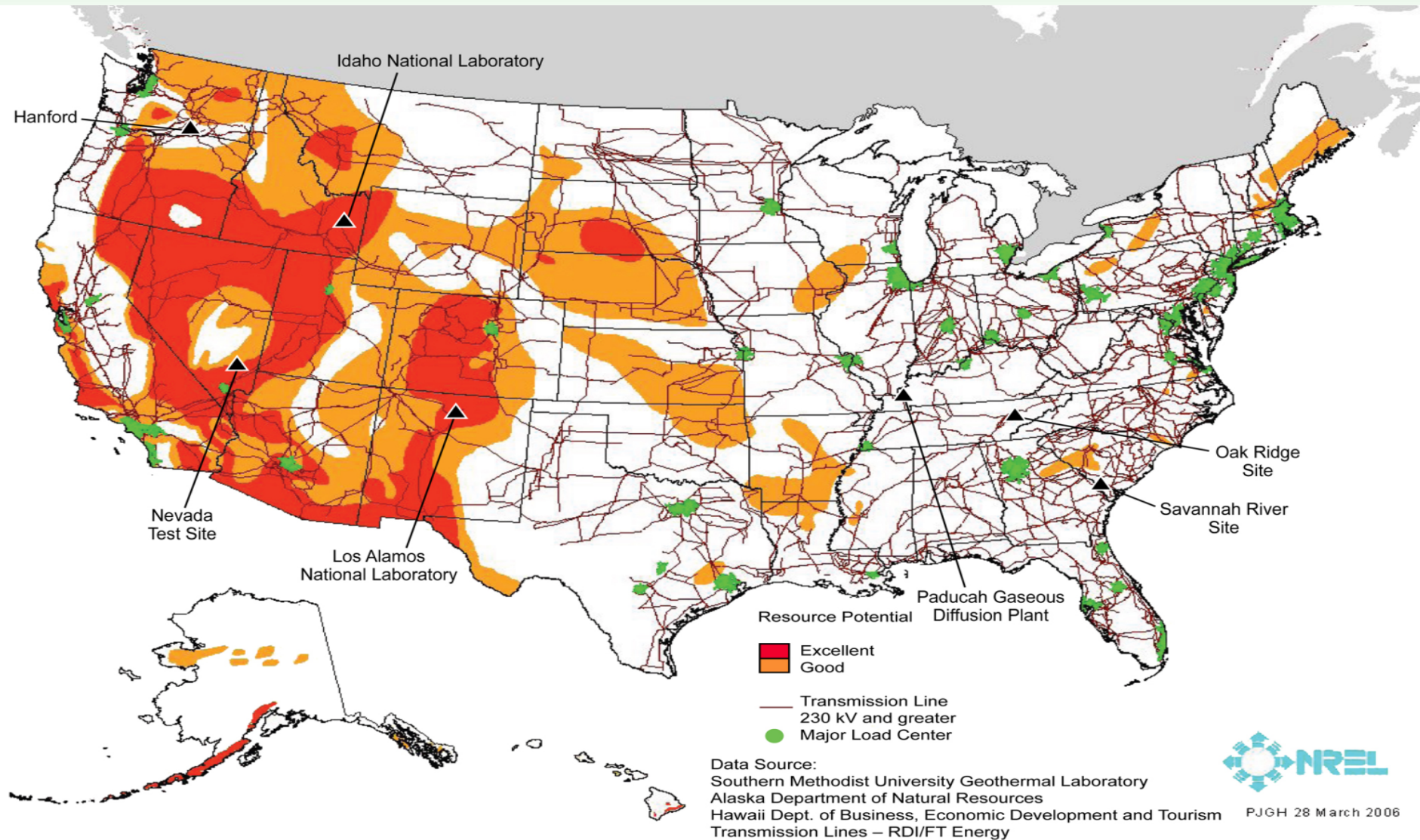


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# Geothermal Resources



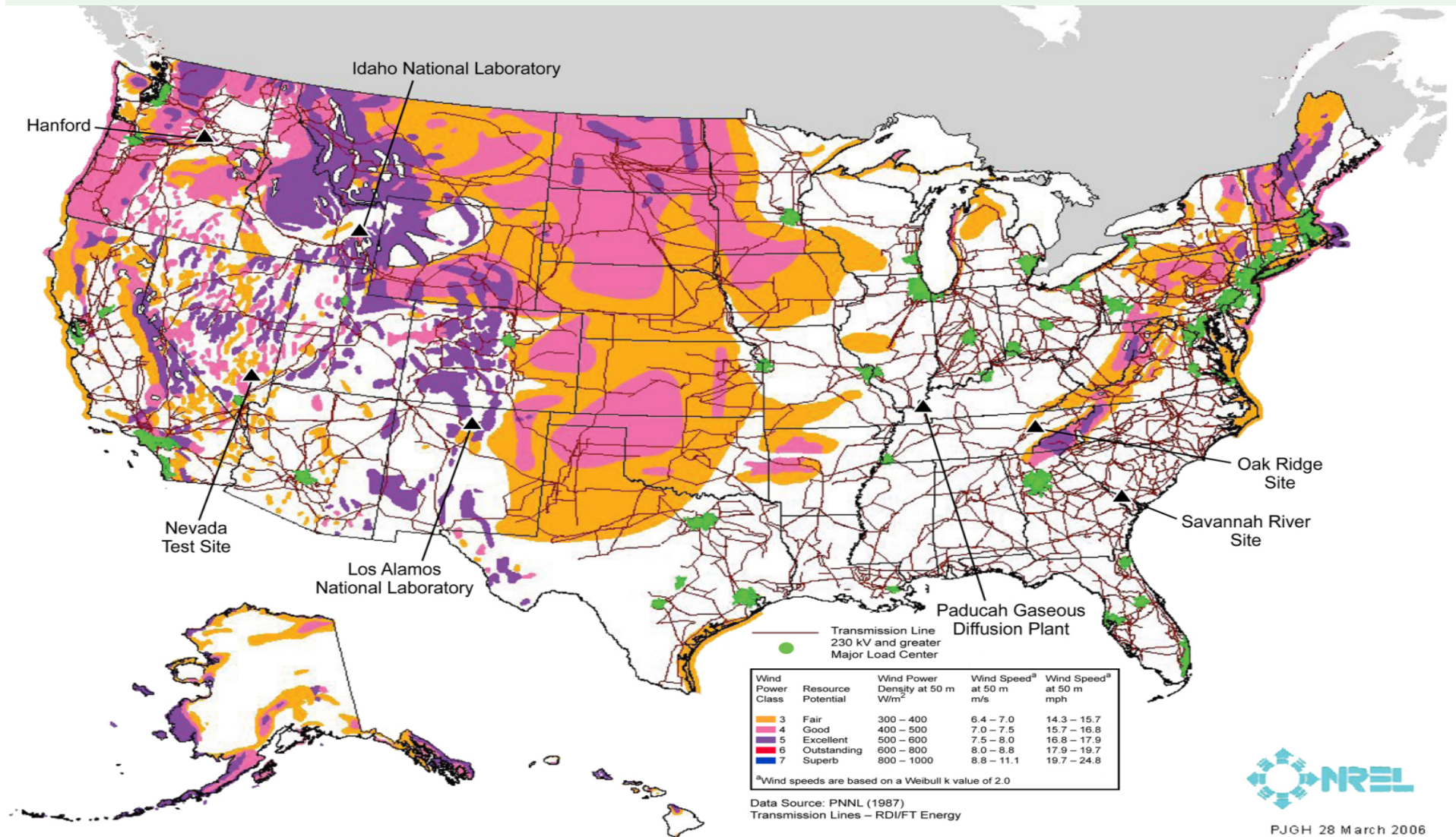
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# Wind Resources



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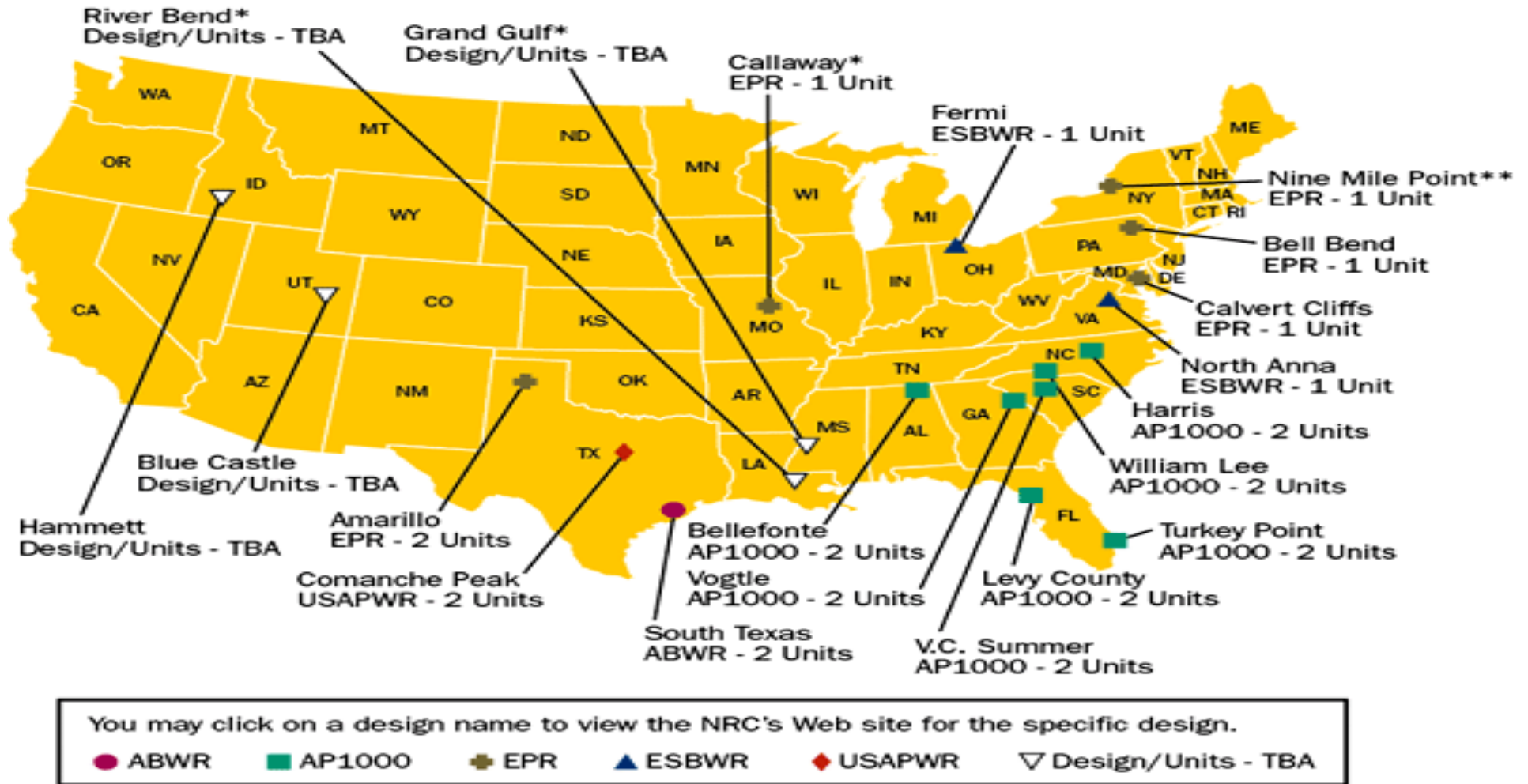


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# Location of Projected New Nuclear Power Reactors



\*Review Suspended

\*\*Review Partially Suspended



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# Reutilization of Assets/Energy Parks



- EPI will convert EM liabilities (contaminated sites, facilities, and materials) into assets to solve critical national energy issues
- EPI can demonstrate effective partnering of DOE, other Federal agencies, private industry, state and local governments, and local communities
- EPI can preserve and enhance economies of state and local host communities of DOE/EM sites with energy reindustrialization

**EM's unique resources can be leveraged to address some of the Nation's energy security and climate change concerns**



# U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu

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## **Cleaning Up: Energy and Climate Bill Will Boost the Economy**

- The status quo on energy is unsustainable. Today, we import about 60 percent of the oil we use, which is a huge drain on our economy and which weakens our security. When we burn fossil fuels for energy, we emit enormous amounts of greenhouse gases, which have already begun to change our climate. Climate experts predict that, on our current course, the planet could be around 10 degrees Fahrenheit warmer by the end of this century. Such an increase could cause more frequent extreme weather events like droughts, heat waves, and hurricanes; rising sea levels and coastal erosion; serious agricultural losses and water shortages; and many other impacts in the United States.
- There is no question that our energy habits need to change. The only question is whether we can turn this energy challenge into an energy opportunity.
- Here is the future that I see. In the coming decades, the laws of supply and demand will almost certainly force oil and gas prices to rise. At the same time, the consequences of climate change will become so starkly apparent that continuing to emit carbon pollution at today's levels will be unacceptable. As a result, clean-energy technologies will be in high demand. Tens of thousands of windmills and solar panels will be manufactured and installed around the world. Consumers will demand more efficient vehicles, appliances, and buildings. There will be a race to produce the most advanced batteries and biofuels.
- We must ask ourselves: How does the United States want to position itself in this future world? When the great hockey player Wayne Gretzky was asked how he positions himself on the ice, he replied: "I skate to where the puck is going to be, not where it's been." America should do the same.



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